quate space between inner and outer tubes throughout their life have been incorporated. This is supplemented by inservice inspection as necessary to ascertain the health of the pressure tubes. For older units, such design provisions are planned when the safe life of present pressure tubes is determind to be over and replacement taken up. Until then periodic inservice inspection, laboratory tests and analysis will be carried out to determine their health. All the above aspects are being continuouly reviewed by the existing multi-tier safety set-up headed by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Smuggling in unprocessed uranium

257. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unrestricted mining in the Uranium rich Domiasiat region in Meghalaya's West Khasi region has encouraged smuggling of unprocessed Uranium besides posting security risk;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the employees of the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. are suffering from tuberculosis because of inadequate safety measures; and

(c) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government to check the smuggling of unprocessed uranium from the region and to protect the employees from environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No; Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Security features of nuclear installations

258. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (A.E.R.B.) has recently directed the D. A. E. (Department of Atomic Energy) to carry out a full review of the Security arrangements in all the nuclear installations in the country including the nuclear power plants;

(b) if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether some steps have also been taken to strengthen the security measures recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) In the light of the recovery of 2.5 Kgs. of Sodium-di-Uranate, also called Yellow cake, in Meghalaya in October 1994 by the police authorities from four persons, an intimation has been, received by the Department of Atomic Energy from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for a review of the security arrangements.

(c) Appropriate security arrangements have been made in all the nuclear installations of the Department both with Central Industrial Security Force and the DAEs Security staff. The arrangements are under constant review to strengthen and improve the systems.

(d) It is not in public interest to disclose the details of the security arrangements.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant In different States

259. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Governments have approached the Union Government for the setting up of atomic power plants in their States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Atomic Power Stations are presently operating/under construction at Tarapur (Maharashtra); Rawatbhata (Rajasthan); Narora (Uttar Pradesh); Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu); Kakrapar (Gujarat) and Kaiga (Karnataka). The State Governments of Punjab; Haryana; Madhya Pradesh; Andhra Pradesh; Kerala; West Bengal Orissa and Bihar have proposed from time to time setting up of nuclear power plants in their respective States. As regards the requests of the States falling under the Eastern Electricity Region; priority for setting up of a nuclear power plant is relatively low as the region is endowed with abundant coal reserves. As regards the proposal for setting up of atomic power plants in other regions; the Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy has examined the possible sites. The process of setting up of an atomic power station involves comprehensive safety and environmental reviews and is also subject to availability of financial resources. There is no proposal to take up any new nuclear power plant in any of these states during the 8th Five Year Plan.

Prices of Cemitidine, Furazolidine, Diclofenac Sodium and other formulations

260. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 313 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) when were the prices of formulations based on Cemitidine, Furazolidine, Diclofenac Sodium, Carbamezapine and Ranitidine last revised under DPCO, 1987 and on what bulk drug price they were based, what were the earlier prices of these formulations and on what bulk drug price they were based;

(b) whether it is a fact that producers did not seek price approval when the rates of bulk drugs came down and the Ministry also did not reduce the prices or reduced them after a gap of three to four years consequent to reduction in the prices of bulk drugs;

(c) if so, what are the names of such drugs and their major formulations; and

(d) whether unintended benefit accrued to the producers, if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Receivers of DPEA Amount

261. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the names of the receivers of Rs. 497.77 lakhs from the Drug Prices Equalisation Account and what amount was paid to each and what for;